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1. Gotha (J06)

a. The "Schöne Aussicht" Kaserne is occupied by troops wearing red tabs who were observed in training; they appeared to be learning basic principles of ground combat: battle commands, terrain appreciation, etc. A local resident reports that these troops arrived in late February. Kaserne vehicles:

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b. Schubertstrasse Kaserne contains approximately 500 men wearing black tabs/red piping. Sixteen T-70 tanks were observed. [REDACTED] all with C painted in a square on their sides.

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c. Local inhabitants state that the T-70 tanks are used for training purposes by 800 Volkspolizei in the Bürgerau Kaserne.

2. Langensalza (J08)

Thamsbrückerstrasse Kaserne, being repaired, is said to house 500 Volkspolizei. Langensalza airfield has been plowed up and installations demolished.

3. Mühlhausen (H89)

Occupied by komandatura troops and an MVD unit. Infanterie Kaserne on Wendewehrstrasse is tenanted by 300 Volkspolizei. The former Artillerie Kaserne on Sondershausenstrasse is being repaired and is to be used by the Volkspolizei; it will hold 1,000 men.

4. Sangershausen (D42)

Held by 100 men, including headquarters staff (SMA?) and MVD.

5. Nordhausen (D12)

a. Schloss and Kurhaus are occupied by older EM and NCOs wearing black tabs/blue-grey piping; combined strength, 150 men. [REDACTED]

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b. Local residents report that 80 engineer troops are now demolishing

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c. Nordhausen airfield grounds are being used by civilian tenants. The Kaserne buildings are partly demolished, partly occupied by 800 Volkspolizei. Some of these, observed while in training with German MG and 81 mm mortars, wore new grey-green uniforms and black, red and gold cockades (Kokarde). According to one policeman driving an Opel without license plates, the Volkspolizei expect to be issued Soviet [REDACTED] license plates. They also expect to join in the spring maneuvers.

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6. Sondershausen (D11)

Six of the Kaserne buildings are being used by approximately 300 Volkspolizei, the other three buildings are being repaired. The only Russians in town are 50 komandatura troops.

7. [REDACTED] of a second rail extension on the Halle-Kassel line. Trains moving west towards Duderstadt (C72) stop at Worbis (C81); those towards Eichenberg [REDACTED] at Arenshausen (C51); those for Eschwege end at Geismar (C52). *Stop*

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